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SUBJECT: RESEARCH VESSEL THOMAS WASHINGTON

1. REQUEST POST SEEK GOI CONSENT FOR R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON TO CONDUCT PROGRAM MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CONCERNING INDONESIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF. PROGRAM TO COMMENCE AFTER VESSEL, HAVING LARGELY COMPLETED PRIOR WORK IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS ANDAMAN SEA, DEPARTS KO PHUKET ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 17, 1975. VESSEL TO CROSS ANDAMAN SEA TO INDIAN OCEAN SIDE OF ISLAND ARC. CHIEF AREA OF INTEREST IS OFF SUMATRA COAST VICINITY NIAS ISLAND, AND OFF CENTRAL PORTION SOUTHERN JAVA COAST. OBSERVATIONS WILL INCLUDE SAMPLING OF EARTH'S GRAVITY AND MAGNETIC FIELD STRENGTHS, AND RECORDING OF BATHYMETRIC AND SEISMIC PROFILES. LATER UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL BE AIR GUN ENERGY SOURCE - NO EXPLOSIVES. ADDITIONALLY

AT SELECTED SITES BOTTOM SAMPLES ( USING PISTON CORERS AND ROCK DREDGE) AND PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN. THE SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES ARE TO STUDY SEDIMENTS AND SEDIMENTARY PROCESSES OF THE AREA, AND TO DETERMINE THE GEOLOGIC STRUCTURE OF THE UNDERLYING OCEANIC CRUST IN AN EFFORT TO RECONSTRUCT THE REGION'S GEOLOGIC HISTORY. VESSEL WILL ALSO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON SURABAJA TO CEBU LEG,

BUT THIS WILL BE UNDERWAY OBSERVATIONS ONLY ALONG VESSEL'S TRACK THROUGH MAKASSAR STRAIT AND SIBUTU PASSAGE. GOI OBSERVER WOULD BE WELCOME AND COULD JOIN AT KO PHUKET AND DEPART AT SURABAJA OR CEBU. COPIES OF DATA AND INFORMATION ON SAMPLES COLLECTED CAN BE FURNISHED TO GOI SHORTLY AFTER VESSEL RETURNS TO HOME PORT UPON CRUISE COMPLETION IN MID JULY 1975. SHOULD OBSERVER COME ABOARD, HE COULD BE GIVEN SHIPBOARD COPIES OF DATA AND CUTS OF ALL SAMPLES BEFORE DEAPRTING. VESSEL ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

ARRIVE	PORT	DEPART
	SINGAPORE	DEC 29
JANUARY 15	KO PHUKET, TH	JAN17
F 7	SURABAJA	FEB 12
FEB 17	CEBU	FEB 21
MARCH 20	GUAM	MARCH 24

2. VESSEL INFO: R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON, OPERATED BY SCRIPPS INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AT LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA, IS 208 FOOT, 1362 TON, OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL. MASTER IS GARRETT COLEMAN, CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. JOSEPH CURRAY OF SCRIPPS. VESSEL CARRIES CREW OF 25 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 17 (ALL CIVILIAN). AGENTS SINGAPORE AND CEBU ARE GETZ BROTHERS. INGERSOLL

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